THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) An agreement between the Government of India and Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to run Thar Express" a weekly broad gauge Express passenger train between Monabao (India) and the Zero Point Railway Station near Khokhrapar (Pakistan) with effect from 18.2.2006 has been signed on 31.1.2006. The train service has started on 18.2 2006.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No request from Pakistan to run this train upto Ajmer has so far been received in this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

Staff working at road side stations

2057. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of staff, working at road side stations;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no accommodation for their (staff) stay rest and cooking on such stations;

(c) if so, by when his Ministry would solve this problem;

(d) whether his Ministry has any plans to solve this problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Pending overbridges/underbridges in Uttar Pradesh

2058. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pending with the Railways for the construction of overbridges/underbridges on sharing basis received from